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At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Peabody, qualified to vote in town affairs, held March 15th, 1869, by adjournment from March 1st, 1869, it was

VOTED, That the Report of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, together with the accompanying documents, be accepted, and that the same be printed for distribution.

A true copy of record,  
Attest: N. H. POOR, TOWN CLERK.

## SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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IN submitting their Seventeenth Annual Report, with the Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee and accompanying papers, the Trustees of the Peabody Institute have ample reason for congratulating their fellow citizens upon the highly prosperous condition of the Institute, and upon the success and progress which have marked its course during the year which has just closed.

Our last Report was made when the reconstruction and enlargement of the Institute building were about being completed, and when the results of a new order of things were matters of anticipation and hope. The early part of the year saw the fulfilment of the enterprise, and proved the realization of more than our warmest expectations. At a cost within the limits of our stated esti-

mates, the Hall and the Library-room, with their adjuncts, and the exterior of the building, with the fences and grounds, were finished and put in complete order; and, with the additional accommodations thus secured, not only adequate for present wants, but capable of meeting the demands of many years to come, the Institute has started upon a new era and larger sphere of usefulness.

Our people have seen and can judge for themselves of the extent and value of the improvements which have been made. They cannot but find that they now have a lecture-hall which, in its architectural proportions and finish, furniture, ventilation, mode of lighting, ease of ingress and egress, and in all those elements which make a comfortable, convenient, safe and elegant auditorium, is without a superior anywhere for the purposes and uses desired. And so with the library-room. Well-planned, admirably arranged, with abundance of light by day and capable of full illumination by night, with ample space for alcoves which shall contain the literary accumulations of a generation, and already adorned with rare treasures of art, it needs but the addition of those objects and ornaments with which the coming years will one after another grace its walls, to make it all that could be wished for, and unsurpassed in any similar institution.

The Trustees would also invite attention to the strong-room which has been prepared and is used for safely securing the Queen's portrait and the other rare and costly memorials presented by Mr. PEABODY, so deserving of

the most careful custody, both for their intrinsic value and for their origin and associations,—and to the ingenious mode devised and adopted for the exhibition of these treasures, which has excited in all beholders an appreciating admiration second only to that produced by the objects themselves. To this unique collection is soon to be added the magnificent gold medal ordered by the Congress of the United States, and presented during the past year by the President to Mr. Peabody, in recognition of that great act of benevolence by which he gave more than \$2,000,000 for the promotion of education in the States of the South desolated and impoverished by the war.

To Mr. PEABODY's beneficence there seems to be no limit. Since our last Report, he has added to his former gift of £150,000 for the benefit of the Poor of London, the sum of £100,000. So far from feeling any emotions of envy or jealousy because of these repeated and superb acts of bounty towards strangers, the citizens of his humble birth-place rejoice and take new pride in each fresh and famous illustration of the noble character of their benefactor, and while profoundly grateful for the immeasurable benefits he has conferred upon them and those who are to come after them, their hearts glow afresh with admiration and love as they see in him, as all the world must see, the benefactor of the race.

In enlarging the Institute-building, regard was had to providing suitable accommodations for the Reference-Library, to be maintained from the income of the fund of

Twenty Thousand Dollars given by Mrs. ELIZA SUTTON, in memory of her deceased son, EBEN DALE SUTTON. Although this generous endowment was received with the consent and personal sanction of Mr. PEABODY, the Trustees did not feel at liberty to divert any, either of the income or principal of his benefactions, to this purpose. In this view Mrs. SUTTON fully concurred, and insisted upon finishing, fitting up, and furnishing the apartment provided for the Reference-library, at her own expense. How admirably and beautifully this has been done can be seen by inspection, while any description of ours would be lame and inadequate. But we doubt if, in its adaptation to the purposes intended, and in the elegance, exuberance, and yet chaste beauty of its adornment, its parallel can anywhere be found. When filled, as eventually it will be, with the choicest stores of select learning, it will not only be an exquisite and enduring memorial to the memory of the lamented dead, but as a most valuable auxiliary of the main Library of the Institute, will greatly enhance its general usefulness, and materially promote the benign purposes of the Founder.

In noticing the incidents of the year, and the acquisitions which have been made, the Trustees would not fail to mention the gift of Mr. MAYALL, of London, of two large and costly steel engravings of Ancient and Modern Jerusalem, which have been appropriately framed, and now adorn the walls of the Trustees' room, and which will richly repay careful inspection and study. They were presented by the donor out of respect for the

character and virtues of Mr. PEABODY,—and we indulge the hope that this will be but the precedent for other and similar gifts, and that many of thoughtful generosity will seek in this way to link their names with his, the fame of whose bounty is wide as the world.

The reports of the Lyceum and Library Committee and its sub-committees, herewith submitted, show what have been the practical operations of the Institute during the past year. Of these the Trustees have no immediate charge or supervision. They appoint, annually, the members of the Committee, they determine what sum of money, the nett income of the property and funds of the Institute, shall be subject to their draft, and then in the hands of the latter is left the whole business of carrying on the library and lectures. Although the immediate responsibility thus devolves upon the Committee, and in case of mistake or failure the community should there apply its blame or censure, yet the Trustees feel that they would not fully discharge the responsible trust confided to them, or properly perform the duty of censorship which their office fitly imposes, should they neglect to make such suggestions in regard to the proper management of affairs, as, in their familiarity with the designs of the institution and the corresponding wants of our people, may, from time to time, seem pertinent and discreet. The Trustees are glad to know that the Lyceum and Library Committee entertain doubts as to the propriety of having any more free-concerts in connection with the lecture-course. Upon this matter the

Trustees have passed beyond the region of doubt. The idea of the repetition of a free-concert in the Hall of the Institute they reprobate altogether. Music is both an art and a science. Its cultivation, its practice, its enjoyment, elevates, refines, delights,—and so it may fairly come within the broad scope of that “knowledge,” if not “morality,” for the advancement of which the Institute was founded. But a free-concert, in a populous village like ours, men, women and children thronging to the Hall for admission, and, when the doors are opened, surging, crowding, rushing in, excited, it may be affrighted, in some cases at serious risk of personal injury, filling the Hall and all its avenues to repletion, so packed and wedged in as to make comfort or quiet impossible, and thus the assembly a restless, uneasy, turbulent mass,—the well-bred and sober-minded too anxious and disturbed for enjoyment and eager only for release from their confinement, the few rude and ill-disposed, of whom there will be some in every mixed gathering, taking advantage of the opportunity to indulge in acts of indecorum, vulgarity and even violence,—such occasions are without profit or pleasure, such scenes are disreputable and disgraceful, such entertainments most certainly do not tend to “the promotion of knowledge and morality.” The Trustees sincerely hope that this experiment, already tried once too often, will not be attempted again; and they feel warranted in assuring the Committee that the views they entertain upon this subject are shared in by all the right-minded and judicious of our citizens.

The Trustees are disinclined to make any suggestions which might look like dictation, or a disposition on their part to intermeddle with matters for which others, as has been stated, have the more direct responsibility. But they cannot forget that they are the appointed custodians of the funds with which the Institute is endowed, and as such are in some degree accountable for the application which is made of the income of those funds, and that it shall truly subserve the purposes and ends of the original endowment. It is necessarily a difficult task to determine the character of the lectures which shall make up the course for any year. There is naturally a strong desire to meet the various wishes of the community. But these wishes are not always healthy. The craving to see and hear the most popular platform orators is one to be indulged with caution. A large sum may be expended in securing a single performance by some favorite of the day, whose effort will leave behind, even among persons of culture, nought but the memory of brilliant coruscations which dazzle and delight without instructing, while the same sum expended in a different way would pay for two, perhaps three, lectures, which even to the mass would be equally entertaining, and which, while they might not so tickle the curious palate, would furnish to all substantial and nutritive intellectual food. The danger here, is, not that the good sense of the lecture-committee will be at fault, or that they will have incorrect notions as to what is proper and profitable, but that they will yield their own convictions

of right in deference to what they believe to be a popular desire, and so cater to a false and prurient taste. Let them be assured, that if they will only act upon the honest dictates of their own good judgment, if they will aim at the instructive and useful rather than the amusing and the exciting, if instead of paying a hundred and fifty dollars or more for a single discourse from some famous preacher, essayist, or declaimer, which for an hour will astonish and delight, and then leave as little trace as the heat-lightning of a summer's eve, they will expend the same amount upon two or three lectures by some scholar who can popularize science and art, gild practical knowledge with almost the charms of poetry and romance, and impart lessons which shall have their lasting influence upon the economy of daily life, let them be assured, we say, that while here and there a grumbler will be heard, by far the larger and better portion of our people will sustain and vindicate their course, and give them their full and hearty approbation. If our income were so large that any regard to economical considerations were unnecessary, it would still be a serious question whether it were right to expend for the gratification of curiosity and morbid cravings for temporary and unprofitable excitement, sums, which, properly employed, would secure large returns of actual instruction, of useful information, and positive, practical knowledge. Even then there might be a question of waste. But our income is limited. It is to be frugally husbanded and judiciously expended, or it falls far short of our actual

wants. The words of the oral teacher do not dwell in the memory. Spoken thoughts are evanescent and fleeting. Books live. Recorded learning, and wisdom, and genius, will instruct to-day, and endure to-morrow, and benefit and bless generation after generation. To be sure, lectures we must have. They are adapted to many of the wants of the age, they will reach multitudes who do not read, they catch and impart the tone and spirit of the day, they are an essential part of our system. But the library is the main feature of our institution, that which gives it its distinctive character, its highest reputation, its greatest usefulness. Its steady and rapid enlargement, its constantly increasing adaptation to the wants of our community, should be our first aim and uniform endeavor; and while we should strive in the lecture-department to meet the proper demands and to gratify the wholesome tastes of the public, we should cautiously guard against extravagance, and not sacrifice to unhealthy appetite, or to the indulgence of a morbid love for what is novel, popular and exciting, those precious means which may be so much more beneficially employed in the support and growth of the library. These suggestions, let it be again impressed, are not made from any disposition to prescribe the duties or dictate the course of independent and responsible agencies, but are solely the result of anxious solicitude for the welfare of that institution which demands and deserves of all concerned in its management their constant efforts and jealous watchfulness and care.

In the report of the Librarian, whose industry, accomplishments, and courtesy have done so much for this department of the Institute, and whose experience and judgment give to his suggestions almost the weight of authority, we notice a proposition for the opening of the Library upon every secular day of the week, but closing the same at an early hour of the evening, except upon Saturdays. In this general suggestion the Trustees fully concur. Perhaps it might be well to have two open evenings instead of one, at least for a part of the year, though we doubt not that those who have been accustomed to take out books in the evening, would soon find it equally convenient to go or send for them during the hours of the day—and that soon there would be no occasion for the delivery of books after daylight of any day. But, one thing is manifest, and that is, that the time has now come when the doors of the Institute should be open every afternoon, not only to accommodate visitors and strangers, but for the convenience of those who would avail themselves of the Library for reference and reading there, for which purpose we trust that additional accommodations will soon be provided. This subject is warmly commended to the Lyceum and Library Committee, in the hope that they will be able to act upon it favorably, and with the opinion that they can do so without any considerable increase of expenditure.

The Trustees cannot close their report without an allusion to the deep loss which they, in common with our whole community, have sustained during the past year,

in the death of one of their number. Mr. WARREN M. JACOBS had been upon the Board for only a short time, but had always taken an active interest in the Institute, as indeed he ever did in whatever promised to be of service to his townsmen, or to promote the common good. Rarely does the departure of a private citizen leave so great a void, or cause such sincere regret. He was a man of a rare combination of qualities. Of singular integrity and large ability, in private affairs, in social life, in public enterprises, in educational and moral efforts, he was alike exemplary, active, and distinguished. Though engrossed in very extensive business, he yet found time for intellectual culture, for the exercise of a liberal but discriminating charity, for the full discharge of the duties of a citizen, for the constant development of all the graces of a true Christian character. Of dignified and gentle presence, preserving in mature years the bloom and vigor of youth, with winning manners and genial wit, in the midst of usefulness and honors, enjoying the sincere respect and affectionate regards of all, he was cut down and has passed away, leaving only the memory of his virtues, and the beautiful example of his upright and useful life. Peace to his ashes,—and may those of us who survive, imitate those virtues and profit by that example.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

ALFRED A. ABBOTT, President.

PEABODY, March, 15, 1869.

## Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. Osborne, Treasurer.

		Dr.
	1867.	
March 17,	To paid Rev. W. M. Barbour, Chairman School Com., one year's income of Peabody High School medal fund,	\$133 37
24	To paid W. Blaney, on br. house, per W. H. L., \$9 34 Gregory for house paper, 6 53 Little for ditto, 6 00 Bancroft, mason, erecting brick kitchen, 382 27	403 18 44 89 24 40
April 7,	Edw. Price, painter, on brick kitchen principally,	145 00
9,	Gas bill three months to April,	
14,	Insurance—Neptune, to 23d May, 1869, \$6000—\$32 60 Merchants', 10,000— 62 50 Neptune, mechan's permit, 10,000— 50 00	300 00 15 50 306 00
	To paid J. H. Teague as Janitor, and work on Hall and grounds, to April 1, six months,	22 50
May 7,	To paid W. Goldthwaite alter'g carpet for new rostrum, To paid Insurance for mechanics' permit, sundry offices to 16th May,	62 03 297 00 24 00 20 00
13,	To paid Insurance ordinary to April 21, 1869, viz.: Neptune office, on Books, \$1000, Neptune office on Portraits, 300, Franklin office on Books, 1000, Franklin office on Portrait, 300, Franklin office on Bust, G. P., 400,	184 58
May 27,	To paid Lord & Saunders, gas fixtures in brick house,	114 00
28,	To paid H. O. Warren, 33 tons coal, Nov. to Mar. 9, '68,	11 50
June 24,	To paid E. R. Ide's bill, 20 yards painted carpet,	23 00
July 6,	To paid Currier & Millett, two doz. chairs a \$10, To paid Aqueduct Co., bill labor, etc., \$11 00 Water bill for dw. houses, 9 00 Water, Inst., 4 m. from Mar. 1, 3 00	26 80 24 85 184 58
7,	To paid Gas bill,	114 00
20,	To paid Whipple & Smith, house paper for dw. houses, To paid J. H. Teague, 3 mos. to July 1, 1868, 150 00 Supplies and laborers, 34 58	11 50
30,	To paid Goss, lead pipe, etc., on dwellings, Sept., 1867, To paid Essex Mutual Fire Insurance Co., policy No. 2744 on \$5,000, for Institute Hall, 7 years, a 2 1-4, with policy and stamps, \$1 50,	\$2,187 60
	Amount carried forward,	

Amount brought up,			\$2,187 60
Aug	28,	To paid S. Trask, flagging stones and labor,	11 22
		To paid Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., policy No.	
		3,704, on \$5,000 for Institute Hall, for seven years,	101 00
Sept.	1,	To paid X. H. Shaw, frames Queen V.'s family photo's,	9 00
	14,	To paid Henderson, stool, \$1 62; Hunt, Lens, \$8 50,	10 12
	19,	To paid Goldthwaite, mat carpet for Libr.; desk cover,	148 32
Oct.	7	To paid gas bill three months to Oct.,	11 20
	10,	To paid Lyceum and Library Committee's draft,	800 00
Nov.	6,	To paid Ira Foster, sodding grass and labor,	61 00
Oct.	13,	To paid Edw. Price, painter, on houses,	18 43
Dec.	10,	To paid Lyceum and Library Committee's draft,	600 00
		1869.	
Jan.	4,	To paid Aqueduct bill for Hall, 4 50; 2 houses, \$9 00,	13 50
		To paid gas bill for Hall, three months,	46 80
	9,	To paid D. P. Grosvenor, repair of door,	2 25
		To paid J. H. Teague, 6 m. to Jan., \$300; bills, \$9 10,	309 10
	11,	To paid S. Trask, masonry on Hall,	13 28
	19,	To paid Potter & Batchelder, 16 tons coal,	128 00
	27,	To paid Lyceum and Library Committee's draft,	600 00
		To p'd Manuf. Ins. Co. \$5,000 in Hall, 1 yr. from 14th,	15 00
		To paid Neptune Ins. Co. \$2,500 in Library, etc.,	21 25
		To paid Franklin Ins. Co. \$7,500 in Hall and Libr.,	30 00
		To paid A. F. Clark, hemlock boards for coal bin,	6 01
Feb.	5,	To paid Lyceum and Library Committee's draft,	400 00
	10,	To paid Barnes for black-board and sundries,	35 05
		To Paid Lyceum and Library Committee's draft,	100 00
		To Elliott for labor and water,	12 00
		To paid disbursements of enlargement,—acc. annexed,	15,331 27
		To paid postage, revenue stamps, etc.,	3 00
		Balance,	382 26
			\$21,406 66

Examined February 25th, 1869, and found correct with vouchers.

BENJ. S. WHEELER, } *Finance Committee.*  
C. B. FARLEY.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with George Osborne, Treas.

1868.

Feb. 26, By balance from last account,	\$3451 04
Mar. 17, By two coupons from High School medal fund bonds,	
\$25 00 each, gold,	\$50 00
Appraised 39 per cent, currency,	19 50
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	69 50
Amount carried forward,	\$3,520 64

			\$3,520 64
Amount brought up,			
Mar. 17, By rent of D. Woodbury, 6 months to Jan. 1, (now hires but part),	59 00		
By rent of Teague, 1 mo. Sept. to Oct. 1, 67,	7 50		
By rent of Grosvenor, 3 mos. to Oct., 1867,	37 60		
By rent of Grosvenor, 3 m. to Jan. 1, 1868, incr. 50 00			
By rent of Galloup, 3 mos. to Oct., 1867, ,	37 50		
By rent of Galloup, 3 mos. to Jan., 1868, incr.,	56 00		
By rent of Lummus, to 9th Aug., 1867,	9 75		
		267 26	
Ap. 1 to 14 By rents of Woodbury, Grosvenor, Galloup, 3 mos., and Teague, 6 mos. to April 1,		185 50	
3, By town of South Danvers, 6 mos. interest on note of \$7,000, to March 12, 1868,	210 00		
22, By sale of bonds, Numbers 419 to 423, etc.,	\$5,458 41		
May 13, By sale of bonds, Numbers 424 to 428 inclusive, \$5,000, a 110 5-8,	5531 25		
Interest 4 months, 11 days,	90 97		
		5622 22	
Commissions 4,	12 50		
Tax 1-10,	5 62	18 12	
			5604 10
20, By town of Peabody interest on note of \$3,000, six months to April,		\$90 00	
June 18, By dividend on 3 shares Warren National Bank,		15 00	
24, By hall used by sundry, per J. A. Lord, \$60, less officer,		46 00	
July 1, By rents, Galloup \$56, Grosvenor \$50, Woodbury \$29 50, Teague \$26,		160 50	
13, By 60 coup's, bonds Nos. 429 to 488 incl., \$1,500 00			
Premium on gold at 40%,	611 25		
			2,111 25
Sept. 7, By rent, use of Hall, per J. A. L.,		11 00	
October. By rents, Galloup, Grosvenor, Woodb'y, 3 m. to Oc. 1,		135 50	
26, By interest of town of Peabody on note of \$7,000, 6 m. to Sept., \$210; note \$3,000, 6 m. to Oct. \$90,		300 00	
Dec. 4, By dividend on 3 shares Warren National Bank,		15 00	
10, By sale of Bond No. 429, \$1,000, at 107 1/4, \$1,077 50			
Interest to Dec. 5,	21 53		
			1099 03

1869.

Jan. 7, By rents Galloup, Grosvenor, Woobury, 3 mos. each ; Teague 6 months,		185 50
Amount carried forward,		\$19,404 58

	Amount brought up,	\$19,404 58
Jan. 12,	By 59 coupons of bonds Nos. 430 to 488 inclusive a \$25,	\$1,475 00
	Premium for gold, 35 1-8,	518 08
		1,993 08
Feb. 24,	By cash from Mr. Young, for Hall, \$10, less \$1, police,	9 00
		\$21,406 66

E. E. PEABODY, Feb. 25, 1869.

GEORGE OSBORNE,  
*Treasurer of Trustees of Peabody Institute.*

**PERMANENT FUNDS OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE.**

1. Town of South Danvers, promissory note dated March 12, 1858,	\$7000 00
2. Town of South Danvers, promissory note dated April 28, 1858,	3000 00
3. Three shares in Warren National Bank,	300 00
4. 59 Massachusetts Coast Defence 5 per cent. gold bearing bonds, of \$1000 each, at original appraisement of \$997 75 each— \$58,867 25 now appraised at par,	59,000 00
5. Real Estate, comprising two dwelling houses, one of brick on the easterly side, one of wood on the westerly side of the land belonging to and on which the Institute Hall is located— \$6000 each,	12,000 00
6. The Peabody Institute Hall and Land, with the Library, Busts, Portraits and Cabinets of other valuables, situate on Main street of the town—not appraised pecuniarily.	\$81,300 00

Peabody, February 25, 1869.

GEO. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

**THE "EBEN DALE SUTTON LIBRARY" FUND**

*of the Peabody Institute in account with George Osborne, Treasurer.*

Endowed by Mrs. Eliza Sutton of South Danvers; accepted by under the  
personal auspices of George Peabody, Esq., of London, on the 15th of October,  
A. D., 1866. The fund, \$20,000.

1868.	DR.
March 25, To paid financial committee of Lyceum and Library pro- duct of two semi-annuals,	\$1387 50

	Cr.
1867.	
Jan'y 20, By 20 Boston City 5 per cent. gold bearing bonds of \$1000 each,	[FUND, \$20,000]
April 6, By clip of 20 coupons, gold, at 25 cents each,	\$500 00
Premium on sale of gold at 133, currency,	165 00
Octo'r 1, By clip of 20 coupons, at 25 each,	500 00
Premium on sale of gold at 144 1-2,	222 50
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	\$1387 50

February 25, 1869.

GEO. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

## PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND

*in account with George Osborne, Treasurer.*

Endowment of George Peabody, Esq., of London, a native of this town. Income to furnish Medals for the High School.

	Dr.
1868.	
March 17, To paid Rev. W. M. Barbour, chairman of the School Committee, as per Dr.,	\$138 57
1869. Feb. 5, To paid D. H. Leavitt, chairman of School Committee, coupons as per credit of Feb. 4, 1869,	136 00
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	\$274 37
1868.	Cr.
Jan'y 11, By cash for 2 coupons, 25 each,	\$50 00
Premium for gold,	18 87—
March 17, By clip of 2 coupons, due March 1, 25 each,	50 00
Gold premium appraised,	19 50—
1869. Feb. 4, By clip of 2 coupons to Sep. 1, 1868,	50 00
By clip of 2 coupons to March 1, 1869,	50 00
Gold premium, about 36 per cent,	36 00—
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	\$274 37

Peabody, Feb. 25, 1869.

GEO. OSBORNE, Treasurer of Trustees.

## ENLARGEMENT OF PEABODY INSTITUTE.

*Statement of amounts paid for Enlargement and Improvement of Peabody Institute, subsequent to the amounts paid up to Feb. 26, 1868.*

	Dr.
1868.	
March 3, To paid Larrabee & Brother, plumbing bill in part,	\$300 00
April 4, To paid C. G. Folsom, carpenter, on account,	1000 00
April 11, To paid Denio & Roberts, for steel safe and iron envelope safe, also iron posts to fence,	2050 28
April 16, To paid Flint, balance in full of his \$20,000 contract,	12000 00



## Report of the Lyceum and Library Committee.

To THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE:

In behalf of the Lyceum and Library Committee, I submit to you their Report of their proceedings for the year ending February, 1869. The Reports of the Treasurer, Librarian and Sub-Committees, furnish full details of our doings, and are also submitted herewith.

The Treasurer's statement shows that our income, which from causes well known had suffered some diminution for a few years past, has now reached a point never before attained, affording the means for a gratifying increase in the efficiency of our operations.

The past year has been one of full activity in both departments of the Institute. Our now spacious Library room, with its books rearranged, again sends forth its treasures of knowledge to all applicants. As was to have been expected, the opening of the Queen's picture to public inspection, as well as other objects of interest, have attracted to the Institute many visitors from abroad.

But the crowds that have flocked in to view this beautiful work of art, can be best understood by the lively description contained in the report of Mr. Poole, the Librarian. All this has very materially increased the burden of his labors, and we take pleasure in testifying, that the gratifying of this curiosity, as well as his other duties, have been performed by him with characteristic patience and urbanity.

Early in the year, the Committee, having in view the increased accommodation of the public, voted to open the Hall for the delivery of books on four afternoons and evenings of the week, instead of two as heretofore. This, we hope, is but a step to be speedily followed by opening our doors on every week day. When this shall have been accomplished, if not before, it is highly desirable that some better arrangements should be made than now exist, for those who may wish to occupy the Hall as a sitting room for the perusal of books; and the attention of the Trustees is respectfully called to this subject. Perhaps one of the ante-rooms might be fitted up for that purpose.

The new apparatus which has been placed in the Library room, adjoining the Librarian's desk, called the Indicator, an invention of recent date, proves to be a very valuable aid to the prompt and orderly delivery of books, and, we believe, fully justifies the expense which has been incurred on that account.

The course of Lectures for the season has included those of scientific and general character, and also what might perhaps be more properly classed as entertainments. In this connection a word or two may not be out of place on the subject of musical entertainments, as a part of the free course in the Lecture Hall. That

music of a high character is an important element in society toward aesthetic culture and refinement, we think will hardly be denied. It may therefore be recognized among the modes of *education*. But it is nevertheless true that the announcement that a band of music of unsurpassed excellence, like that of Mr. Gilmore, will perform in the Hall, attracts thither crowds who are never seen there at other times, and who are amenable neither to the laws of decency, nor scarcely to the restraints of the police. So great is the rush for seats, that efficient supervision to keep out even those who have no right to be there, is impossible. It is much to be regretted that the many good citizens who ought to be allowed to enjoy what is so well calculated to elevate and refine the taste, may possibly be obliged hereafter to forego that pleasure. The question is, shall we abandon free musical entertainments altogether, or can some ticket system be devised which will meet the difficulty.

The room which is to be occupied by the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library, being for several months of the present year, still in the process of completion, no steps were taken by the Committee upon that subject till a recent date. But as soon as it was announced that it would soon be ready for occupancy, the Committee met to consider what plan should be adopted for the purchase of books for, and the general management of that Library. It was the general opinion of the Committee that in the performance of so important a duty as that of organizing a Library for the use of students and scholars, it was indispensable to call in the aid of some gentleman, himself a scholar, and well versed in the science of bibliography. It was also thought best that a sub-committee should wait upon Mrs. SUTTON and ascer-

tain her views and wishes in this matter. That duty was performed by the Chairman of the Board and two other gentlemen, and they were happy to be able to report that Mrs. SUTTON concurred in their views. It was then agreed, partly on her recommendation, that we should apply to EZRA ABBOTT, Esq., Assistant Librarian at Gore Hall Library, in Cambridge, to give us the needed assistance. That gentleman has agreed to undertake the duty of preparing lists of books, commencing with such as should be immediately purchased. How far and how complete a plan for future accessions to that Library shall be now made, to be used as opportunity and means allow, will be a subject for future conference.

No general plan for the management of the Sutton Library has yet been decided upon, but the following has been proposed, viz.: that the general supervision of both Libraries should be committed to the Librarian of the Peabody Library; that an assistant, perhaps a female, should be employed, whose duties would be confined to the Sutton Library room; and that this Library be opened every week day, and be furnished with all needful conveniences, such as tables, chairs and stationery, for the use of those who wish to consult the books or make extracts. The additional labors that would thus devolve upon the Librarian, are thought by the Committee to justify an increase of his salary, and steps have been taken to fix that upon a proper basis.

The interview with the donor of the Sutton Fund, above referred to, gave the Committee an opportunity of also consulting her upon a subject of some delicacy, but yet very important to be fully understood. It is evident that both the inauguration and the maintenance of the Sutton Library will involve certain expenses, which a

strict reading of the terms of that gift would possibly exclude from among those charges which are to be paid from the income of it, such, for instance, as services in preparing lists of books, salary of the person who would have the immediate charge of the room, etc., thus diverting some of the Peabody fund from the other departments of the Institute.

We are happy to report that our inquiries on these subjects were kindly met in a manner to relieve us, as we understand, from embarrassment on that account. In a word, Mrs. SUTTON's view is that all expenses which are properly incurred solely on account of the Sutton Library, should be borne from the income of that fund.

Another point as to the management of the Sutton Library, not yet determined is, whether there shall be a special standing sub-committee for that duty, but from whatever quarter the report of a year hence shall properly come, it is hoped that it will show this fairly taking its place by the side of the older departments of the Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. M. STIMPSON,

*Chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee.*

## Report of the Library Sub-Committee.

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The Sub-Committee on the Library submit the following report:

The Librarian has performed the duties of his office with his accustomed courtesy and efficiency, and has been aided by attentive and faithful assistants.

During the past year many and important changes have been made in the Library room, and in the management of the Library, the particulars of which are very fully set forth in the report of Mr. POOLE, and which it is unnecessary to repeat in this report.

During the vacation, in conformity to the usual practice, a very careful examination of the Library was made, and the result was that thirty-three volumes of no great permanent value were discarded, and thirty-eight volumes were replaced by new copies; all of these being worn out. One hundred and two volumes were rebound, sixty-one volumes were bound in their old covers, and eight volumes of Harper's Magazine were bought to complete the reference set purchased in 1867.

After this the Library was considered to be in as good condition as at any previous time since the first few years of its existence.

About 400 volumes have been bought during the past year, and 25 vols. of Magazines (the same number which has been bought for some years past), have been added to our former large collection.

The average price per volume, of books, has been \$1.57, about 50 per cent. more than in 1861; the price of the magazines average \$2.56 per volume.

Taking into consideration that many of the volumes added to the Library are English, scientific and reference books, it is thought that, compared with other articles, the prices are not unreasonable.

Many of the books replaced had been kept upon the shelves in a dilapidated condition longer than would have been done had our predecessors been in command of funds sufficient to replace them without injury to the general interests of the Library.

It was found that the marking and defacing of books had diminished, but the practice has not as yet ceased. Upon the cards recently issued is a copy of the State law applicable to such cases, and it is hoped that a knowledge of the law, and of the fact that for every book purchased to take the place of an injured old one, *a new one cannot be bought*, will cause the books to be used more carefully.

The funds at our disposal have enabled us to buy most of the current popular literature, with a few scientific and reference books, and it has been the desire of the Committee to make complete the magazines, though it has thus far been impossible, but they trust that this matter may receive early attention.

The number of books added to the Library since the last catalogue was printed, is about 2900 volumes. This being the case, the Librarian has been obliged to supplement the printed catalogue by written ones.

Owing to the change in the Library room, the books not much in demand are now placed upon the shelves without regard to numbers. This fact leads the Committee to think that a rearrangement will be necessary at a time not far distant, and whenever the change is made, a new numbering and catalogue will be required.

For the Committee,

J. WARREN UPTON, Chairman.

February 15th, 1869.

## Report of the Sub-Committee on Lectures.

The Sub-Committee on Lectures herewith submit the following report:

As early as possible after the appointment of your Lecture Committee, an organization was effected by the choice of Mr. John B. Clement, Chairman, and George F. Barnes, Secretary, and at the first meeting of the Board the outline of a programme was proposed and adopted as a basis for the work of the year.

Your Committee were unanimous in the opinion that with the liberal fund placed at their command by vote of the General Committee, they would be able to secure lectures from men of eminence and marked ability in the lecture field. They felt desirous of meeting the demand of the citizens by providing such intellectual entertainments during the season as would please, satisfy and instruct all classes in the community; and in view of this, a varied programme was adopted and an early application made to men distinguished alike for their literary and scientific attainments. In one or two instan-

ces their efforts were futile in effecting engagements with gentlemen whom our people have often expressed a desire to hear ; but they congratulate themselves, however, upon their good fortune in perfecting arrangements with those who have so ably met the wishes of your Committee thus far in the course, and we trust have satisfied the reasonable expectations of the friends and patrons of the Institute. They regret that a larger number of the citizens have not availed themselves of the rare opportunities afforded by these lectures during the winter.

To this date (Feb. 8,) nine lectures, scientific and miscellaneous in character, and one entertainment of select readings have been given. The remaining exercises of the course will consist of a lecture to be delivered Feb. 9th, by Rev. E. C. Bolles, of Portland, and an instrumental concert Feb. 12th, by Gilmore's Band of Boston.

The following is the programme of the Fifteenth Annual Course of Lectures :—

Dec. 1, 1868.—Rev. E. H. Chapin, of New York. "Columbus."

Dec. 9, 1868.—Henry Vincent, Esq., of London, England. "English feeling during the American crisis."

Dec. 15, 1868.—Prof. E. S. Morse, of Salem. "How animals grow."

Dec. 22, 1868.—Prof. E. S. Morse, of Salem. "How animals eat."

Dec. 29, 1868.—Prof. E. S. Morse, of Salem. "How animals move."

Jan. 6, 1869.—Prof. W. S. Clark, of Amherst. "Brimstone."

Jan. 13, 1869.—Prof. W. S. Clark, of Amherst. "Carbonic Acid Gas."

Jan. 19, 1869.—Prof. W. H. Niles, of Cambridge. "Glaciers."

Jan. 26, 1869.—Prof. W. M. Barbour, of Bangor, Me. "The Peabody Library, and how to use it."

Feb. 2, 1869.—Wyzeman Marshall, Esq., and Miss Webster, of Boston. Select Readings.

Feb. 9th, 1869.—Rev. E. C. Bolles, of Portland, Me. "Play and Work."

Feb. 12, 1869.—Gilmore's Band of Boston. Concert.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. CLEMENT, *Chairman.*

## Librarian's Report.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

At the time of the Report of the last year, the Library room was in an unfinished state, the books remaining stored in the ante-rooms, awaiting its completion. The work of replacing the books was completed early in the month of April, and their circulation was renewed about the middle of that month.

The number of accounts opened with borrowers the past year has been 1218. The number of new names added to the ledger has been 276, which is an increase of twenty names over the preceding year, and seventy-four over the number recorded in 1866.

The whole number of books now on the Accession Catalogue is 12,768, showing an increase of about 390 volumes, exclusive of periodicals bound during the year. The average cost of the books purchased is about \$1.57. In the earlier years of the Library their average cost was about \$1.05. This does not indicate so great an

advance in the price of books as in other species of merchandize.

The condition of the books at the annual examination was found to be better than was expected from their exposure to injury during the enlargement of the building. Only seven volumes were found to be lost or not accounted for.

#### ARRANGEMENT OF THE BOOKS.

The suggestion made in the last year's Report, in regard to the arrangement of the books for greater convenience of delivery, has been adopted. The upper shelves are now occupied by the books which are least called for, either for reading or reference, such as the Congressional Documents, the old periodicals, and generally those books which are but rarely consulted. Care has been taken to avoid filling the shelves nearest the floor, on account of their exposure to dust. The intervening shelves are occupied by the books most in use, as they can be reached by the assistants without climbing upon the ladders. In practice this arrangement has fully effected its object, and at the same time little difficulty has been experienced in finding the reference books wanted. In this arrangement the volumes of the London Times are placed in a conspicuous position on either side of the entrance door, with other heavy folios whose rarity and value give character to the Library.

The usual annual supply of the bound Congressional Documents has not come to hand. This may be owing to the reconstruction of our Congressional District, which now includes two libraries having a claim to their possession. It is submitted whether or not a special effort should be made to have our series completed. We have also several incomplete sets of periodicals which ought

to be brought up to the present time, as soon as practicable with due regard to other pressing wants of the Library.

#### THE INDICATOR.

The prompt delivery of books has been greatly facilitated by the use of the Indicator, an invention of recent origin which is admirably adapted to the necessities of libraries of the size of our own. Wherever it has been in use it has met with great favor. The size of our room has made it almost a necessity, saving as it does a large amount of travel in searching for books in an apartment so spacious. The experience of the year shows, that although it has been used to an extent but little more than half its capacity, from eighty to ninety per cent. of the books called for have been delivered through its agency. The Indicator books have a peculiar mark by which they are readily distinguished, and are kept in the vicinity of the desk, that they may be easily accessible for delivery, and promptly returned to their places. By its use much travel has been saved to the assistants, and hours of waiting to the borrowers. There has also been a great saving of cards, as no one wanting an Indicator book need insert but a single number. Under the old system cards were frequently filled with the numbers of books already out, for which the search was always fruitless.

The invention of the Indicator grew out of the necessities of a popular library in Manchester, England. It was adopted, with improvements made by a skillful mechanic, by the Boston Public Library, and afterwards by the Public Library in Lynn, and it has also been adopted in other places. Further improvements have been made in the one now in our Library, as has been gene-

rously conceded by the constructor of that in the Boston Library.

THE TESTIMONIALS.

The Library room has been enriched the past year by various testimonials conferred upon our eminent townsman. Preeminent among these memorials of honor is the magnificent miniature Portrait of Her Majesty the Queen of the British realm. This gift was made by herself to Mr. Peabody, after he had declined, from the promptings of patriotism, other proffered honors, often coveted, but seldom conferred, even upon distinguished subjects of the crown.

Among the other memorials which give grace and beauty to the walls and alcoves of our Library room are the following:

The Autograph Letter of the QUEEN to Mr. Peabody.

Autograph Letters of Earl Russell and Sir James Emerson Tennent.

The Gold Box with the Freedom of the City of London.

Framed copy of the Freedom of the City.

The Gold Box presented to Mr. Peabody by the Fishmongers of London.

Marble Bust of Mr. PEABODY, by J. S. Jones.

Framed Testimonial of the PARISH of CHELSEA, England.

Framed Memorial of the WORKMEN of London.

Framed Memorials of the MERCHANT TAILORS of London.

Two fine and costly Engravings of Ancient and Modern Jerusalem, the gift of Mr. J. E. Mayall, the distinguished Photographer of London.

To the above should be added a Portfolio of Photographic Likenesses, singly and in groups, of the Queen

and members of the Royal Family. These pictures were produced from actual sittings, and are valuable for their fidelity as well as for the skill of their execution. By direction of the Trustees twelve of them have been put in frames, the better to preserve them from injury while on exhibition.

#### DONATIONS.

Among the books donated to the Library the past year, were two folio volumes of the "Shoe and Leather Reporter," presented by Mr. Edward W. Jacobs. This gift was but carrying out the intentions of his late lamented father, W. M. Jacobs, Esq., who had often expressed his desire to preserve these volumes, and those succeeding them, for the Library. Hon. Henry Poor again remembers us by the contribution of another volume of the "Annual Cyclopedias," Hon. B. F. Butler by 16 vols. of national documents, Gen. M. C. Meigs by 6 vols. of the "Roll of Honor," and Caleb W. Osborne, William Allen, of Bridgewater, Rev. W. P. Tucker, of Bath, Me., Jacob Batchelder, of Lynn, R. S. Daniels, F. Poole, Wm. Sutton, B. C. Perkins and J. W. Stevens, one volume each.

#### VISITORS.

With such and so many attractions as the Library room now affords, it is not surprising that it has become a place of much resort. Since the deposit of the Queen's picture with her autograph letter and the correspondence with Earl Russell relating to the gift, there has been a very great increase in the number of visitors. While the number of strangers who in the preceding year recorded their names was only 519, in the year just ended no less than 7567 names were registered. The fame of the picture as a work of art, but more especially its re-

markable history, attracted crowds to its shrine. Singly and in throngs they came by railroad, horse cars, and by private conveyance. Our streets were enlivened by splendid equipages as they came in from the country, the city, and the seaside. Many came from distant States and provinces, and some from foreign countries. Not a few had seen the original of the picture and could verify its form and features.

To wait upon all these visitors, and render the information desired, was, on the whole, a pleasing duty, yet not unattended with some embarrassment, when the crowds were great. To see the glow of life which animates the features of the Portrait, to the best advantage, time and a close examination are required. While one group of visitors hold possession of the picture, others must wait or be employed in other directions. The photographs of the Royal Family, and the full length portrait of Mr. Peabody in the lecture room, are found useful as rival attractions and prove to be objects of pleasing interest to all visitors.

#### LIBRARY HOURS.

When the enlarged Library room was opened to the public, a new regulation was made by the Committee and approved by the Trustees, providing for the public use of the Library four days in each week, instead of two, as had been formerly ordered. By this arrangement the delivery of books has been extended over more time, and the borrowers have had more frequent opportunities to make exchanges. Owing to the force of habit or some other cause it has been found that the call for books continues to be greater on the original library days than on Mondays and Thursdays, but the difference is less apparent now than formerly. It may be a ques-

tion worthy of the attention of your Committee, whether a still further extension might not be advantageously made to include all the secular days of the week. The proper attention to visiting strangers, who are not likely to be informed in regard to our library days, seems to require that the room should be open some part of each day. With such an arrangement it might be well to close the Library at seven o'clock, except on Saturday. As most of the deliveries are made before seven, it would cause little inconvenience to the takers of books to close at that hour, while the saving in the consumption of gas would probably cover the cost of the change proposed.

Respectfully submitted.

F. POOLE, Librarian.

## Library &amp; Lyceum Com. in account with G. A. Osborne Secretary.

1868	DR.
Mar. 3, Paid Rev. Dr. Chapin,	\$100 00
10, " Henry Nichols,	75 00
10, " J. H. Peirce, periodicals,	56 20
17, " Rev. Mr. Barbour,	50 00
24, " Gilmore's Band,	206 26
Apr. 13, " J. O. Buxton, Library Assistant,	8 33
14, " F. Poole, Librarian, for services,	200 00
23, " B. F. Stevens, for stationery,	2 14
25, " W. H. Piper & Co., for books,	36 75
25, " H. A. Brooks, for binding,	47 46
May 7, " Services of Assistant Librarian,	33 33
27, " E. P. Dutton & Co., bill for books,	21 19
27, " James Campbell, for books,	67 73
June 2, " C. D. Howard's bill, cards, etc..	14 50
11, " Services of Assistant Librarian,	25 00
July 2, " Librarian, for services,	200 00
Aug. 1, " W. H. Piper & Co., for books,	118 49
1, " James Campbell, for books,	27 72
28, " W. H. Piper & Co., for books,	73 42
Oct. 1, " Librarian, for services,	200 00
12, " Grout & Munroe, expressing,	60
12, " Munroe & Arnold, expressing,	1 15
12, " American Naturalist,	3 00
12, " Jonathan Perley's bill, binding,	37 90
12, " B. F. Stevens, for stationery,	4 97
12, " H. A. Brooks, bill for blank books and binding,	36 83
12, " W. H. Piper & Co., bill for books,	113 14
Nov. 2, " Assistant Librarian, for services,	29 13
2, " " " "	6 50
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21, " W. H. Piper & Co., for books,	43 94
Dec. 1, " Rev. Dr. Chapin, lecture,	100 00
9, " Henry Vincent, lecture,	150 00
9, " W. H. Piper & Co., bill for books,	46 35
29, " Prof. E. S. Morse, 3 lectures, Dec. 15th, 22d, & 29th,	90 00
29, " American Tablet Co., bill,	5 30
29, " Wm. Very, for posting bills,	75
29, " Postage bill,	1 50
1869	75 00
Jan. 6, " Prof. W. S. Clark, lecture,	3 00
6, " J. M. Humphrey & Co., bill,	3 75
6, " Guy & Brothers,	—
Amount carried forward,	\$2,366 89

	Amount brought up,	\$2,366 33
6, "	Librarian, for services,	200 00
6, "	Postage bill,	6 60
8, "	J. H. Peirce's bill, periodicals,	61 00
13, "	Prof. W. S. Clark, lecture,	75 00
16, "	H. A. Brooks, bill for binding,	20 08
19, "	Prof. Niles, for lecture,	50 00
19, "	Clark & Giddings' bill,	23 00
19, "	C. H. & J. Price, bill chemicals for Prof. Clark's lecture,	6 40
19, "	D. H. Townsend's bill, expressing,	9 75
19, "	Munroe, Arnold & Co., expressing,	25
19, "	B. F. Stevens' bill, Crayons,	38
19, "	Mutual Union Store,	51
20, "	W. H. Piper & Co., bill for books,	39 37
25, "	Mrs. A. M. Southwick's bill, 9 vols. Scientific Amer.,	21 00
25, "	E. Littlefield's bill, expressing,	4 10
27, "	Prof. Wm. M. Barbour, lecture,	75 00
27, "	Henry S. Fiske, Asst. Librarian,	19 00
Feb. 2, "	Shaksperian Reading by W. Marshall & Miss Webster,	100 00
2, "	Chas. D. Howard, bill printing & blank book,	26 25
	Balance,	605 60
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		\$3,709 62

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Feb. 24, By Balance,	\$1,209 62
Oct. 10, By draft on Treasurer of Trustees,	800 00
Dec. 10, By draft on Treasurer of Trustees,	600 00

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June 27, By draft on Treasurer of Trustees,	600 00
Feb. 6, By draft on Treasurer of Trustees,	400 00
10, By draft on Treasurer of Trustees,	100 00

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\$3,709 62

Feb. 8, By balance,

605 60

G. A. OSBORNE, *Secretary of Lyceum and Library Committee.*

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

	Dr.
1868.	
Spring course of lectures and concert,	\$431 26
Fall and Winter lectures and concert,	769 59
Books and periodicals,	729 30
Binding,	142 27
Librarian and Assistants,	971 29
Cards and printing,	40 75
Stationery, expressing and postage,	19 56
Balance,	605 60
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	3,709 62
	Cr.
By Balance,	\$1,209 62
By drafts on Treasurer of the Trustees, for year 1868-9,	2,500 00
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	\$3,709 62
By Balance,	605 60

G. A. OSBORNE, *Treasurer.*





